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## BULL MOOSE AT MEET ROOT FOR G.O.P. ALLIANCE

National Progressive Committee Willing to Sacrifice T. R. if Harmony Can Be Had.

## COLONEL URGES UNION

Says Forces Should Unite, Regardless of Party, to Oust Democrats from Power.

## DEFENSE TO BE PRIME ISSUE

Dates and Place of Bull Moose Convention Same as Those Selected by Republican Party.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—As a political entity the Progressive party will have no existence in the nation, campaign of 1916 if the Republican grasp the olive branch which was proffered them today by George W. Perkins and other Bull Moose leaders in the meeting of the national Progressive committee at Chicago.

That the Progressives in their peace advances are willing to forego a Presidential nomination for Theodore Roosevelt if amalgamation and harmony can be brought about thereby was revealed in the following statement of Mr. Perkins, made at the conclusion of the committee's session:

"We all are hopeful that both parties will agree upon somebody and it need not necessarily be Mr. Roosevelt."

This remark was made after Col. Roosevelt had sent a message to the committee in which he asked them to subordinate party to country and to join with other forces in waging a conflict to oust the Democrats from control at the National Capital.

"There is crying need," said the Col., "that we shall cast aside all purely partisan considerations and disregard all but the vital issues affecting the nation at large, and shall strive wholeheartedly for a sound Americanism, which shall insist that every man who is within our borders shall be an American and nothing else."

Dates and Place Same.

Immediately after the message was read the committee decided upon Chicago for June 7 as the place and time for holding a national convention. This is the date which the Republican National Committee has selected for its 1916 convention in Chicago.

Mr. Perkins during the evening enlarged upon his earlier statement by saying that he regards as the issues in the coming campaign and the relation which the Progressive following holds to them. He reiterated the party declarations of 1912, and then proclaimed the proposition of national military and naval preparedness as the prime issue of the campaign this year.

"Because of the failure of the Wilson administration to deal adequately with national honor and industrial welfare, this country faces problems of a graver and more far-reaching consequence than any since the civil war," he said.

"It has stood by while the law of nations disappeared from the earth without adequate protest or resistance."

The Perkins program of amalgamation was not put through the committee meeting without resistance. It was only when William Filen, of Pennsylvania; H. F. Cochems, of Wisconsin, and William Allen White, of Kansas City, came to the assistance of the project that it was accepted.

## Tiny Belgian Army Bravely Holds Last Strip of Land

Soldiers Stubbornly Protect Little Section of Flanders, a Land of Mud and Rain and Mists—the Bleakest Spot on the Western Front.

By C. F. BERTALL.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

With the Belgian army in Flanders, Jan. 11.—As soon as one leaves Nieupoort town as distinguished from Nieupoort beach, which is held by the French, and travels to the southeast along what was once the Nieupoort-Dixmude Railroad, one meets the little Belgian army, as stubborn at their work of protecting their last strip of country as in the epic days of August, 1914.

Its numbers are naturally secret, but I can say that every Belgian from 16 years of age upward has voluntarily responded to King Albert's call, and now the unit is a wonderfully equipped, well-set up, and compact little army, of tremendous value to the allies in the great struggle against the invader.

Here we enter a region of mud and water—black mud, gray mud—mud that clings and clogs as you advance—mud everywhere. The mud is here as much of an enemy as the Germans. It is a struggle that never ceases.

Without question Flanders is the

## LOVCEN FALLS TO AUSTRIANS

Montenegrin Stronghold Taken After Four Days of Furious Fighting.

## FORCES CLOSING IN UPON GALLANT LITTLE ARMY

Austrians Press Forward from North and East While Bulgars Advance from South.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 11.—After four days of furious attacks by land, supported by a hurricane of uninterrupted fire from their warships, the Austrians have captured the Montenegrin stronghold of Lovcen. Lovcen is a heavily fortified mountain, 3,700 feet high, which dominated and menaced the Austrian naval base at Cattaro, on the Adriatic. It is only about six and one-half miles west of Cetinje, the Montenegrin capital, to which the way is now practically open.

The Austrians and Bulgarians have also captured the less important town of Beran, another Montenegrin place. The Montenegrins confirm the loss of both places.

It is evident, however, that Montenegro's gallant little army, surrounded on three sides, is making its last stand in the mountain fastnesses.

Austrians Press On.

The Austrian troops are slowly and steadily pressing forward from the north and east, while the Bulgars are advancing from the south.

A Rome dispatch tonight quotes an Italian military expert as saying:

"It is only a matter of time when the Montenegrins will meet the same fate as the Serbians."

The same dispatch adds:

"The situation is fraught with danger to Italy's interests. This is admitted frankly by Gen. Corral, military expert of the Tribune. He points out today that the subjugation of Montenegro by the Teutons and Bulgars and the capture of Mount Lovcen will furnish Italy with a difficult problem when it comes to a final settlement."

## Kitten Cause of \$2,000 Fire Loss

Children Use Matches in Search for Pet—Two Homes Damaged.

A kitten caused a fire doing damage of \$2,000 at 1731 and 1729 Park road last night. The flames originated in the basement of 1731, occupied by E. W. Chatterton, chief clerk of the Railway Mail Service and spread to 1729, the home of William Henry White, an attorney.

About 5:30 o'clock four girls of the Chatterton family went into the basement of their home for their kitten. The eldest lighted the way with a match and was followed by her sisters, the youngest barely able to toddle. The pet was found and the children returned upstairs.

Later the family found the rear of the basement, an exterior wall and the roof in flames. The blaze had spread to the roof of the White home. Several engine and truck companies fought the flames more than an hour before they were under control. The Chatterton home was gutted, the damage being \$1,500.

## Bread Rations Still Limited.

Berlin (by wireless), Jan. 11.—The German government today canceled its announced program for the distribution of large quantities of bread. It was announced that the original bread distribution measure would remain in effect, but that sufficient bread rations for all hard-working persons would be provided.

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## Moran Pleads for Home Rule This Year And Opposes Proposed School Changes

Chamber of Commerce Honors Its Officers with Re-election and Names Board of Directors. Executive Asserts New Home Will Aid Capital and the Organization, Before Annual Meeting, Asking for Fund to Help Bring Conventions to Washington.

Patrick T. Moran was re-elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting at the Willard last night. A. Leftwich Sinclair was re-elected first vice president, and Albert Schulteis was again chosen second vice president. The secretary and treasurer will be selected by the new board of directors at its first meeting.

The Chamber greeted with applause a recommendation of President Moran that the organization work for home rule for the people of the District during 1916. Mr. Moran called attention in his annual report to the stand taken by the chamber against the proposed change in the school system, advocated by the Commissioners.

"The action of the chamber on the question of the appointment of the school board indicates the feeling of our organization," said Mr. Moran, "which, according to the press, is shared by many other citizens' bodies. It is one phase of our local affairs in which we are vitally interested."

The following directors were elected: Cuno H. Rudolph, Joseph I. Weller, D. J. Kaufman, Dr. Lewis J. Battle, Clarence P. King, Merritt O. Chance, Louis Ottenberg, B. W. Guy, Charles J. Bell and John G. Capers.

Mr. Moran's re-election was forecasted by William F. Gude, former president, who presented Mr. Moran with a handsome gavel when he had concluded reading his annual report. Some wondered why the chamber had waited until its president was retiring from office before presenting him with the instrument of order, but five minutes later he had been re-elected, and then they realized why the gavel had been given.

The gavel was made by Franklin A. Whalen, superintendent of the Washington estate at Mount Vernon, and was carved from a magnolia-putting tree planted near Washington's home by Gen. Lafayette in 1804.

The report of Ralph W. Lee, treasurer, showed a balance on hand of \$7,641. Mr. Moran, in his report, urged the

chamber to support the movement launched by Isaac Gans at the last meeting of the board of directors for the erection of a permanent home for the organization. He pointed to the rapidity with which Washington is becoming a convention city, and said the chamber should have a home into which it could invite the hundreds of guests it invites to the city. He said in part:

"Referring briefly to some of the activities of the chamber, I call to your attention that in the first meeting after you had honored me by placing the gavel in my hands, our chamber went on record in opposition to the Cresser bill, then pending, and gave as a reason for opposition the very good ground that the Public Utilities Commission had not then been given a sufficient trial."

"After a careful investigation and examination of candidates, the chamber presented three medals to as many Boy Scouts of Washington who had demon-

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## ANXIETY FOR BRITISH ARMY

Force of 10,000 Troops Besieged by Turks in Mesopotamia.

## RELIEF CUT OFF BY ARMY OF MUCH GREATER STRENGTH

Two British Forces, Although Only Twenty Miles Apart, May Be Unable to Unite.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 11.—The British public awaited with anxiety tonight news of the fate of Gen. Townshend's 10,000 troops besieged in Kut el Amara, Mesopotamia, by the Turks.

The latest statement regarding the situation falls to relieve the anxiety. Gen. Aylmer's column, which is advancing to the relief of Kut el Amara, is confronted by a Turkish army greatly superior in numbers. It is evident a successful juncture of the two British forces, although they are only twenty miles apart, may prove a difficult matter.

Dispatches from Constantinople quote high Turkish officials as declaring Gen. Townshend's forces are doomed.

Advices from the eastern front to the Turkish war office report the relief column of 50,000, which set out for Kut el Amara from Iman al Cherbi, has been checked after a furious battle. The English lost heavily. The Turks took many prisoners.

Turks are attacking the British positions at Kut el Amara ceaselessly and the town is being bombarded night and day.

Gen. Aylmer's troops are halted at Sheikh Said, some twenty miles from Kut el Amara, according to the latest advices. But the halt is declared due to weather conditions and the necessity of removing the wounded by river.

## Huerta Lapses Into Coma.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 11.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former President of Mexico, lapsed into a state of coma at 3:15 this afternoon following illness of several weeks and his physicians fear that he may not recover.

## New Mouse Trenches for Germans.

Amsterdam, Jan. 11.—The Germans are digging new lines of trenches along the Meuse and are constructing new forts at certain points in the western theater of war.

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## 'FEAR CAUSED MOHR CRIME'

Prosecutor Says Killing of Physician Was Carefully Planned Crime.

## JEALOUS WIFE ARRANGED IT WITH EMPLOYEES, HE STATES

Asserts Crime Was Fixed for Saturday Night Before It Happened. Taking of Testimony Begun.

By SOPHIE TREADWELL.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Providence, Jan. 11.—An amazing tragedy in the Mohr case was presented by the State's attorney in his opening statement to the jury this afternoon.

This is the story Attorney Abbot Phillips told these twelve New England men: That one night a few months ago, at a place not twelve miles away, a wealthy physician was ambushed and murdered, shot from the back, while his automobile was stopped by the side of a country road. That the young woman who was riding with him was shot in the same way. That, as she rose to get up, she was shot again. That all this happened in the dark at the edge of a dense wood. That it was done by two negro stable boys, and that these men did it because a white woman promised them money for the doing of it. And that the woman was the murdered man's wife. And that the motives that led her to want this done, were jealousy, cupidity, revenge and fear.

Arranged for on Saturday Night.

This is the case Rhode Island says it will prove against Elizabeth F. Mohr, Cecil Victor Brown, and Harry H. Spellman. While its attorney told it, the woman accused sat quietly, listening. Only once did her face change expression and that was when Attorney Phillips said: "Miss Burger, although seriously wounded, recovered."

A particularly gruesome feature of the story was Phillips' assertion that the murder was arranged for the Saturday night preceding; that the two stable boys were at the same place in the road that night, waiting, but that the crime did not happen because the doctor's chauffeur sped by because the intended woman victim, Emily Burger, was not with the doctor that night.

"We will show that Dr. and Mrs. Mohr had lived apart since March, 1914. We will show that she was always watching what was going on in her husband's home, especially with reference to Miss Emily Burger, his housekeeper, of whom she was intensely jealous."

## EVACUATION IS DESCRIBED

Turks Shell Allies Heavily as Forces Finally Leave Gallipoli Peninsula.

## RED LIGHT FLARE ALONG LINE AS BIG GUNS BELCH

In Spite of Difficulties, Says London Press Bureau, Troops All Embarked in Early Morn.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 11.—Details of the final evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula by the Franco-British troops are furnished in the following report of Gen. Sir Chas. Monroe, given out by the official press bureau tonight:

"The Turks attempted a heavy attack on Helles on January 7. In the afternoon the trenches were continually shelled. The bombardment was intense. The Turks opened a heavy musketry fire and later sprang two mines near the western 'Bird Cage' of 'Fusilier Bluff.' The enemy fixed bayonets all along our front and the officers endeavored to make their men assault our lines. They were only successful opposite 'Fifth avenue' of 'Fusilier Bluff.'

"The Staffords repulsed their attack and a large proportion of the Turks were killed or wounded. Our casualties were five officers and one hundred and thirty men killed or wounded. Our aeroplanes reported that the naval fire on our left flank was most accurate and it is probable that the enemy suffered considerably."

"On the eighth the wind increased to thirty-five miles an hour. From midnight onwards it was only possible to use the piers and lighters. It was impossible to embark troops in the destroyers alongside the sunken ships at W. Beach owing to the fact that the connecting piers had been washed away. Embarkation at Gully Beach was impossible. One lighter went ashore there and the remaining troops had to march to W. Beach. In spite of these difficulties the program at 2:30 a. m. The troops from Gully Beach and all the beach parties were embarked at 4 a. m."

"A hostile submarine was reported off Cape Helles at 9 p. m."

"The Turkish artillery was silent during the whole night until the stores were fired by the time fuse after the evacuation had been completed. The Turks then fired red lights along the line and opened a heavy shelling of our beaches and the second line trenches. The shelling was continued until after daybreak."

## EXPERT HITS POWER PLAN

Engineer Weller Says Falls Project Would Cost More Than \$24,000,000.

## WOULD MEAN MANY MILLIONS OVER GOVERNMENT'S FIGURES

Speaker Claims Dam Will Flood Railway Tracks of Three Roads if It Is Constructed.

That the proposed power development of the Potomac River to make it furnish electricity for light and power throughout the National Capital would cost \$24,887,000 complete, instead of the \$15,000,000 estimated in the report of the government engineers, and that the project was entirely impractical from an economic standpoint, were statements made by Francis R. Weller, a civil and hydraulic engineer, last night before the Washington branch of the American Association of Electrical Engineers, in the Cosmos Club.

"Water power, to be practical from the economic view, should be able to compete with steam power, ought to have a fairly high load demand, and should involve low cost of installation and maintenance," said Mr. Weller.

"The Great Falls power development project, in spite of the way it has been played up in the press and the widespread talk of an electric city and cheap hydro-electric power, has failed to measure up to a single one of these requirements."

Mr. Weller showed by diagram and facts from the reports of various engineers that there were numerous errors in the government report which gave rise to the project and promised the harnessing of the Potomac River to the task of making Washington a smokeless industrial center. The main error, the speaker said, were due to omissions of items for which expenditure was required quite as surely as the cost of building the dam and power house.

"In case the dam was built, it would result in flooding the tracks of the Cabin John line of the electric railway, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Chesapeake and Ohio," said Mr. Weller. "More than 1,000 acres of land would be flooded, and this would result in land damages not included in the government estimate."

## Will Fight Ford On Peace Plans

Walter Durant to Use Millions Against Peace Advocate, Report.

Detroit, Jan. 11.—Henry Ford and Walter Durant are the principals in a financial struggle in which millions of dollars will be expended in competition, according to men close to both magnates.

The two men hold exactly opposite views on international affairs. Ford opposes war and all plans for war, while the Dupont Powder Company is said to be behind Durant.

It is asserted that Durant is about to place on the market a car that will compete with the Ford. Rumor now says James Couzens, who recently left the Ford organization, will be employed as the chief director of this new organization, although Couzens' friends deny this.

Ford is now maintaining a paid lobby of newspapermen at Washington to fight President Wilson's preparedness program and it is alleged that these agents are meeting opposition at every point from Durant's paid agents.

## Lars W. Anderson Ill.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 11.—Lars Worthington Anderson, of Cincinnati, a cousin of Lars Anderson, former United States Minister to Belgium and Ambassador to Japan, is a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Mr. Anderson's aunt, Mrs. Charles Anderson, is a sister of Mrs. William Taft, wife of the former President.

## Ten Per Cent Raise for 4,000.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 11.—The Maryland Steel Company announced that on February 1 all its workmen will increase the pay of all its workmen approximately 10 per cent. The whole force at the plant, about 4,000 men, will benefit by the raise, as it is to include every department of the plant, it was announced.

## Poincare Under Heavy Fire.

Paris, Jan. 11.—After a trip to the first line trenches on the northern front President Poincare returned to Paris today. While the French executive was inspecting the advanced trenches near Neuville, St. Vaast in Artois he was under heavy German artillery fire.

## Youngstown Trouble Over.

East Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 11.—At least 600 more men went to work at the plant of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company here this morning. There was no sign of trouble of any kind.

## 143 Brokers Killed in War.

Paris, Jan. 11.—The Figaro publishes statistics showing that 143 stock brokers have been killed in battle since the war began.

## 15 AMERICANS KILLED IN MASSACRE BY BAND OF MEXICAN BANDITS

Victims, Including Three Englishmen Too, Dragged from Train, Stripped of Clothes, Beaten, and Then are Executed.

## VILLA'S SOLDIERS SUSPECTED

El Paso Citizens, Aroused Over Outrage, Send Wilson Letter Criticising Watchful Waiting Policy—American Who Escaped Tells of the Shrieks and Shots.

Special to The Washington Herald.

El Paso, Jan. 11.—At least fifteen Americans were massacred by Mexican bandits at the mining camp of Cusiuhirachic, near San Isabel, state of Chihuahua, early this morning, according to advices reaching El Paso. Three Englishmen also are reported to have been killed.

Harry Scobell, British vice consul at Chihuahua City tonight telegraphed H. M. Myles, British consul, here as follows:

"Fifteen Americans and three English killed on a train near San Isabel, fifty miles west of here. Names and details follow later."

Collector of Customs Cobbs, ex-officio representative of the State Department at El Paso, reported to Washington that the story of the massacre had been confirmed. He gave no details.

F. C. Ewen, of Chihuahua City, in a private dispatch to H. M. Alderson, of El Paso, said:

"Fifteen Americans were killed by Villistas near San Isabel. They were stripped of their clothing, beaten, and then executed. It is believed that Gen. Jose Rodriguez led the Villistas. The foreign colony is greatly aroused, and an effort is being made to send all foreign women and children to the United States. It is reported that three Englishmen also were executed, but this has not been confirmed."

Hears Shrieks and Shots.

First details of the massacre were furnished by T. B. Holmes, a member of the party, who escaped and reached Chihuahua City. Officials of the Mexican Western Railway this afternoon received the following from representatives at Chihuahua City:

"T. B. Holmes, a member of the party who escaped and reached here this morning, said the train was boarded at 4 o'clock this morning by 200 armed Mexicans at Kilometer, about forty miles west of here. According to Holmes, the seventeen Americans in the group were ordered to alight. Holmes hid in a lavatory and escaped capture. From his hiding place he watched his companions stripped naked by the bandits, who then ordered them to march toward the west. Holmes

descended from the train and made haste to escape in the darkness. He had been walking only a few minutes when he heard shrieks and a fusillade of shots from the direction taken by the Americans and their captors."

Mrs. Holmes, who lives here, received a telegram from her husband this afternoon telling of his arrival in Chihuahua City.

Recall Villa's Threat.

The belief prevails here that the bandits are a portion of the detachment of Villa soldiers who left Casas Grandes, some weeks ago under Gen. Jose Rodriguez to recon Villa, who was then supposed to be in the mountains around Cusiuhirachic.

It was recalled here this afternoon by many Americans who knew Villa well that he often declared in the last days of his power, that he would bring on intervention by the United States rather than submit to a Carranza rule in Mexico.

Many Americans here who have made Mexico their home for years sent the following telegram to President Wilson today:

"The massacre of fifteen more Americans in Mexico shows the result of a watchful waiting policy."

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